



Coastal Protection and
Restoration Authority of Louisiana

Restoration in the Mississippi River Delta: Old River Control Structure to the Gulf of Mexico

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committed to our coast

Louisiana is Experiencing a Coastal Crisis

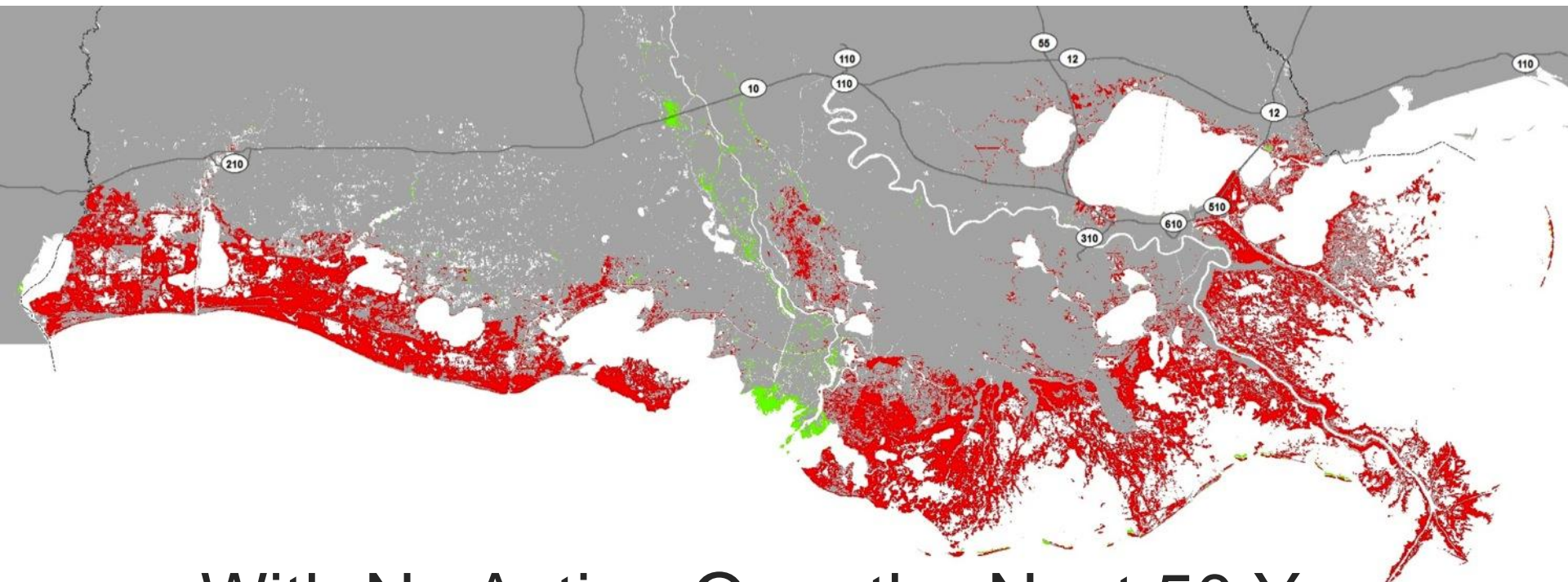


1,880
square
miles lost
since the
1930s



Our Coastal Crisis Will Continue

Potential to lose up to
1,750 square miles of land



With No Action Over the Next 50 Years



Major Causes Of Wetland Loss

Barrier
Island
Degradation



Storms



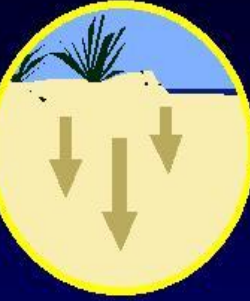
Salt Water
Intrusion



Canals



Oil & Gas
Development



Subsidence



Sea Level
Rise



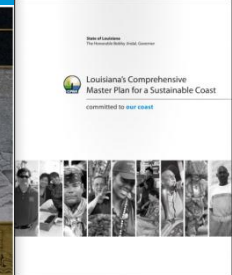
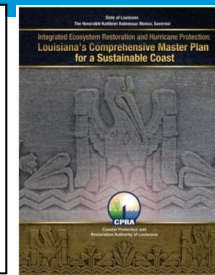
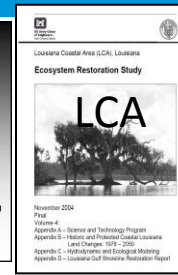
Sediment
Reduction



Levee
System



1960s
1970s



- 1960's Mitigation program for wetland losses and Water Resources Development Act ('65)
- 1970's State Coastal Zone Management Program created.
- 1980's State-initiated restoration efforts: shoreline protection projects and sediment diversions.
State-created dedicated funding for coastal wetland restoration, and created Coastal Restoration Division on DNR.
- 1990's Federal program and funding: Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) or "Breaux Act."
Caernarvon Freshwater Diversion opens in 1991 (authorized in 1965).
Louisiana generates first comprehensive plan for a sustainable coast: Coast 2050: Toward a Sustainable Coastal Louisiana. This plan was unanimously endorsed by all coastal parishes, the State Wetlands Authority, and the CWPPRA Task Force.
- 2000's LCA Study completed and signed by the Chief of Engineers of the USACE.
- Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast (2007)
- 2010's Louisiana's updated Coastal Master Plan (2012)

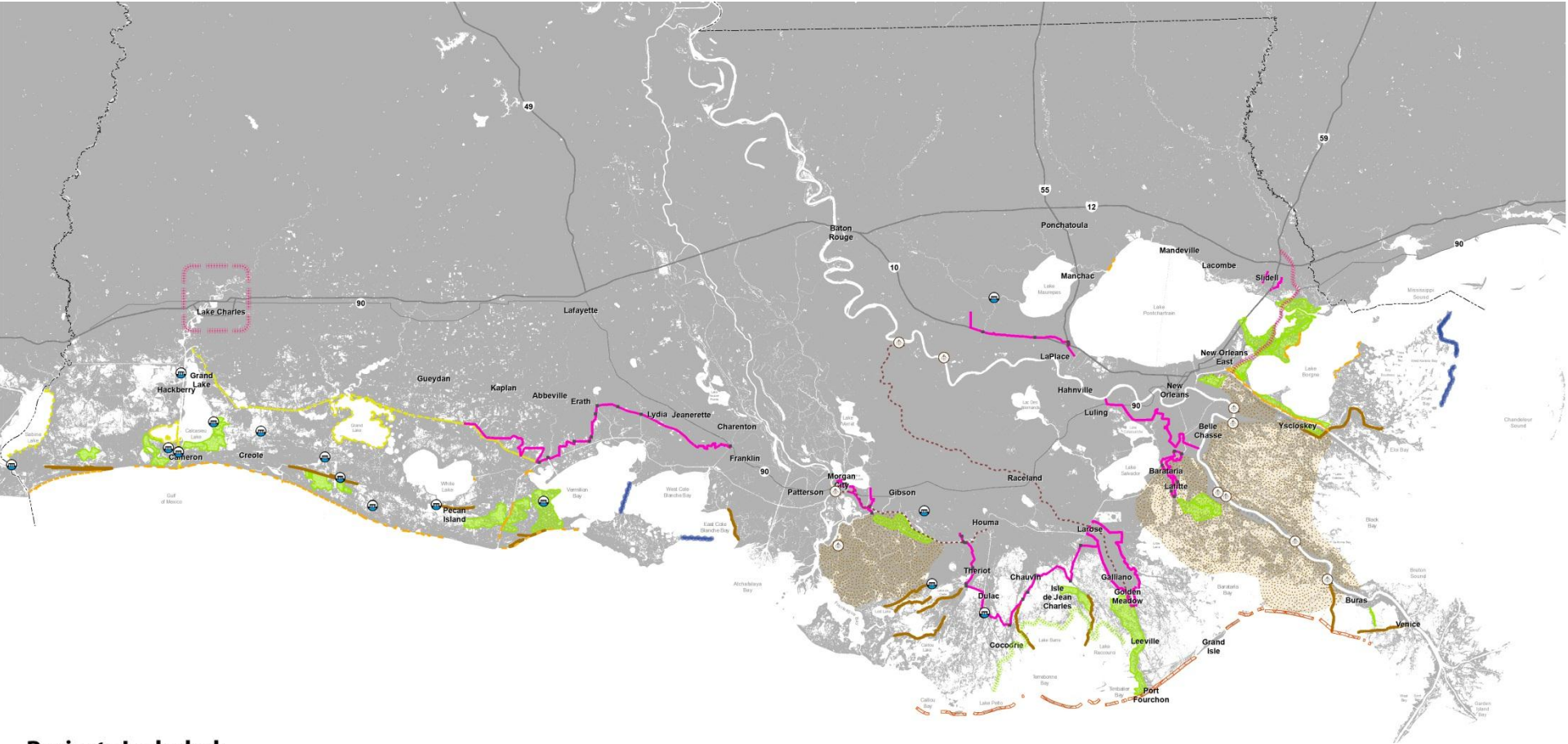
Louisiana's 2012 Coastal Master Plan



Southwest Coast

Central Coast

Southeast Coast



Projects Included:

Structural Protection	Bank Stabilization	Oyster Barrier Reef	Ridge Restoration	Shoreline Protection	Barrier Island Restoration	Marsh Creation	Sediment Diversion	Hydrologic Restoration

Projects for Further Planning:

- Lake Pontchartrain Barrier
- Lake Charles Protection
- Terrebonne Bay Rim Marsh Creation
- Channel Realignment (Not Shown)

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Organizations Involved in Restoration



Louisiana's Restoration Projects



Barrier Island Restoration



Hydrologic Restoration



Marsh Creation



Oyster Barrier Reefs



Shoreline Protection



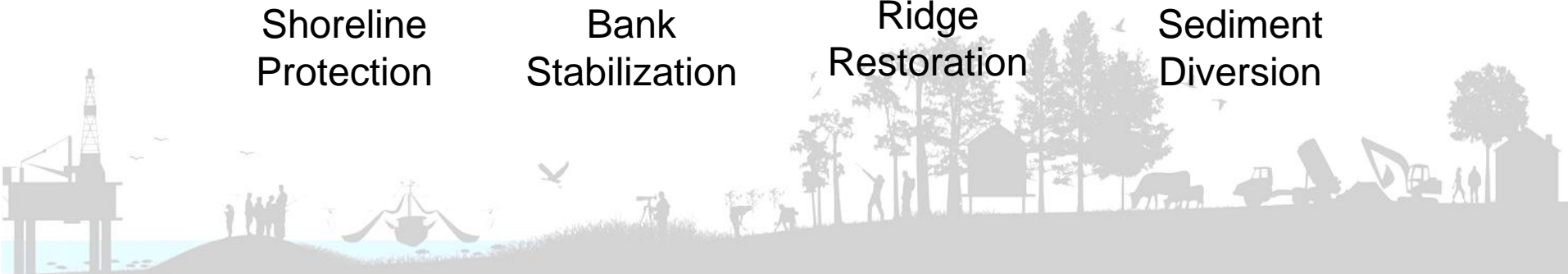
Bank Stabilization



Ridge Restoration



Sediment Diversion



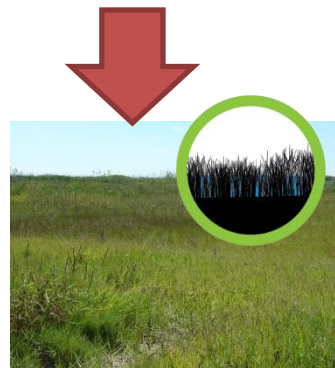
Louisiana's Restoration Projects



Barrier Island
Restoration



Hydrologic
Restoration



Marsh
Creation



Oyster Barrier
Reefs



Shoreline
Protection



Bank
Stabilization



Ridge
Restoration



Sediment
Diversion



Barrier Islands



Creation and restoration of dune, beach, and back barrier marsh to restore or augment offshore barrier islands and headlands



West Belle Pass Barrier Headland Restoration (TE-52)



Total Project Budget

\$33.5 million

Acres Benefited

596

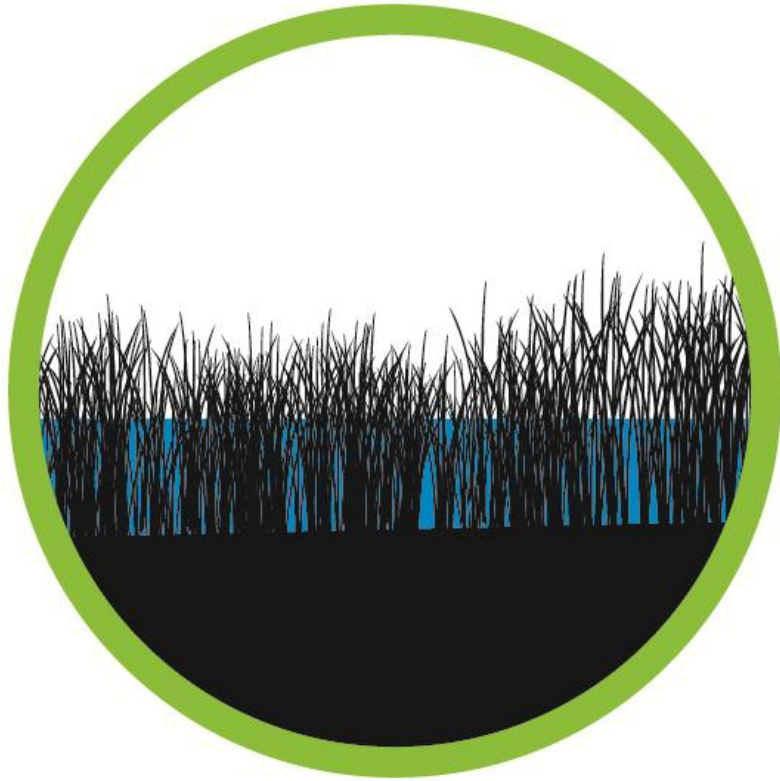
Construction Completion Date

December 2012

Funding Program

CWPPRA

Marsh Creation



Creation of new wetland areas in open areas, generally involves sediment dredging and placement via pipeline



Marsh Creation: Bayou Dupont



Ridge Restoration



Re-establishment of historic ridges in basins through local dredging, sediment placement, and vegetative plantings to restore natural ridge functions



Grand Liard

- Most of the area's bayou ridges and marshes have disappeared
- The project design will restore the ridge on the east bank of Bayou Grand Liard and create new marsh to the east

Grand Bayou

Bayou Long
Bayou
Fortanelle

Dry Cypress
Bayou

Bayou Grand
Liard



Funding Program: CWPPRA

Sediment Diversion

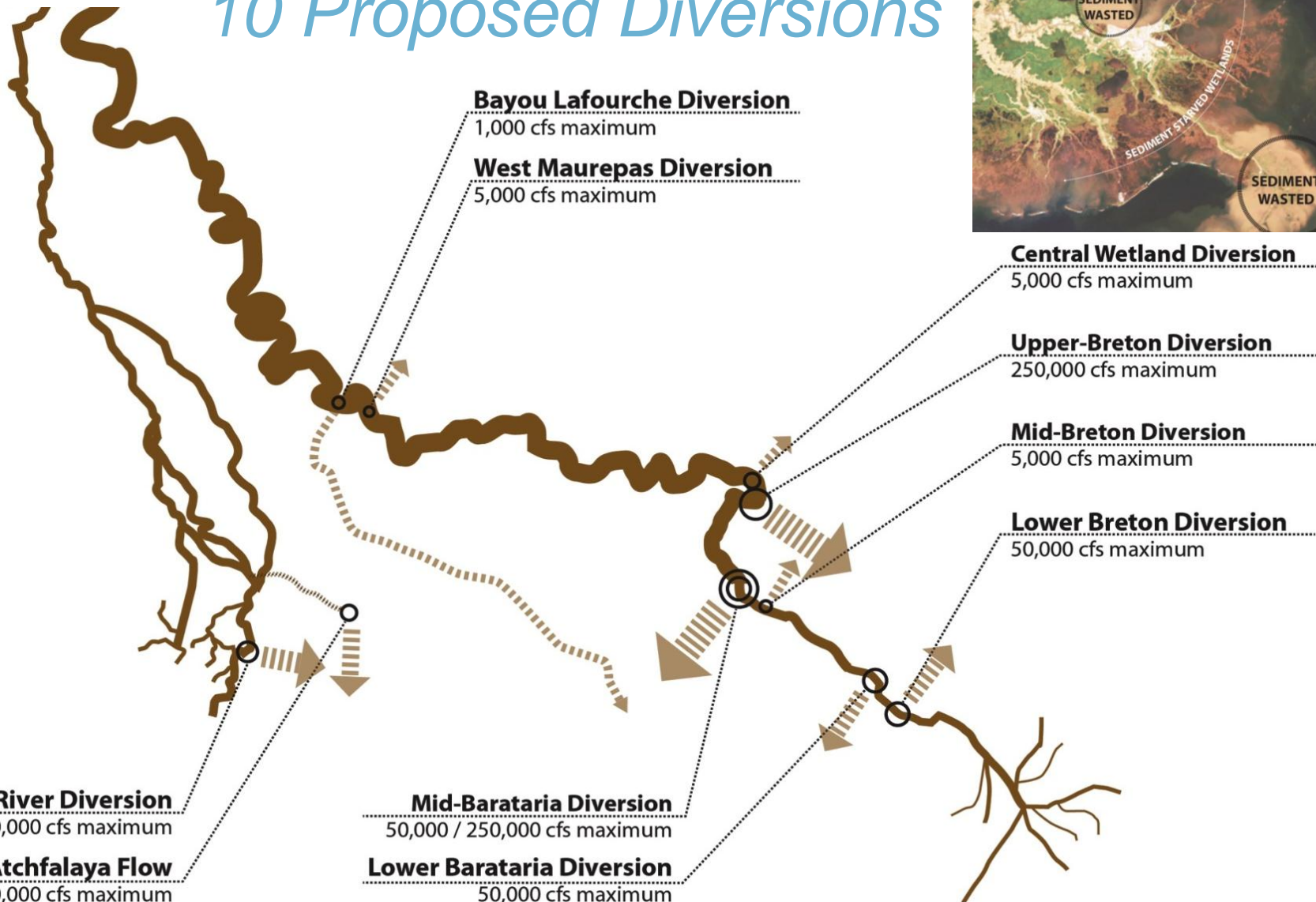


Utilize Mississippi River resources (sediment, freshwater, and nutrients) to maintain existing wetlands and build new wetlands, mimicking natural processes



2012 Coastal Master Plan

10 Proposed Diversions





Projects Constructed / In Construction

Southwest Region

2008 – FY 2015



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Moving Forward

Sediment

- Availability
- Effects on navigation

Water

- Availability
- Effects in receiving basin: hydrology, salinity, nutrients, vegetation, fisheries, socioeconomics



Questions?

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